

Municipal Building, Lodi, Cal., Jan. 17, 1916.

In regular session of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi, the following trustees being present: Black, Deaver, Folendorf, Hale and Keeney. President Hale presiding. City Clerk, H.S. Clark, being absent, E.M. Keeney acted as Clerk Pro Tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

C.C. Woodworth, G.L. Meissner, H.E. Welch and a number of members of the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Board and asked that the matter of a subway under the Southern Pacific tracks at Pine Street be taken up at once with the Railroad Company.

It was moved by Trustee Black and seconded by Trustee Folendorf that the public interest and necessity demand the construction of a subway under the Southern Pacific tracks at Pine Street; and that the Southern Pacific Company be requested to have its Engineer in consultation with the City Engineer of Lodi to estimate the cost of same. Said motion was carried unanimously.

The following resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi to take an official census, looking toward the adoption of a Freeholders Charter, was introduced by Trustee Deaver, and on motion of Trustee Folendorf, seconded by Trustee Black was adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Trustees Folendorf, Black, Deaver, Hale and Keeney.

RESOLUTION.

Declaring intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi, to have an official census taken of the City, to ascertain if the population is sufficient to entitle the City of Lodi to a freeholders charter.

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the State of California has a law providing that Cities having a population of 3500, may if they so elect, adopt a freeholders charter, which if approved by the Legislature of the State, will become the organic law of the City. And,

WHEREAS: It is the opinion of this Board, that a freeholders charter could give a better form of government than we now have and would be in the line of progression.

Therefore be it RESOLVED: That it is the intention of this board to have a census taken of the City's population, and if it is found that the population is 3500 or more, this board will direct that a Board of Freeholders be elected by the people at the next municipal election to draft a charter to be submitted to the electors of this City at a special election, for their approval or disapproval.

And be it further RESOLVED: That Trustee Deaver be authorized to proceed with the work of taking the census of this City, that he be empowered to appoint enumerators, prepare necessary blanks and supervise the work at the expense of the City of Lodi.

Jules E. Steen, representing Central Chemical Co. of Chicago, appeared before the Board, proposing that the City adopt a formaldehyde fumigator (Forma-Germkill) gotten out by his Company. Upon motion of Trustee Keeney, seconded by Trustee Black, the Board of Health was authorized, if in their judgment it seemed proper, to purchase the following:

10 doz. Fumigators @ \$2.00; 1 doz @ \$2.75; 1 doz @ \$3.50 and 1 doz. Disfectine @ \$2.00 per doz.

The following applications for bldg permits were read and granted:

Mrs. Hattie Rathbun, garage, 125 N. Hutchins St.

Angelo Palermo, garage at 404 E. Oak St.

R.J. Custer, garage at 700 W. Elm.

Jas. Culbertson, Dwelling, Lot 5 of Brier's Subdivision.

City Engineer, L.F. Barzellotti, submitted plans and specifications for paving W. Oak St., which, on motion regularly made, seconded and carried, were ordered laid on the table until next meeting.

The Report of the City Clerk for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1915 was read and ordered filed.

The Report of the City Plumbing Inspector was read and ordered filed.

Various claims against the City aggregating \$1244.08, having been approved by the Finance Committee, were read and ordered paid.

Trustee Deaver submitted a schedule of rates for electricity for consideration of the Board as a substitute for Ordinance No. 66 now in force.

Trustee Black moved, seconded by Trustee Polendorf, that an ordinance be drafted providing that the City assume the care of all trees on the city streets and also for future planting, which motion was carried.

The Board then adjourned.

E. M. Kenna
city Clerk, Pro tem.